

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, an appeal brief was rejected as non-compliance because the appeal brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. Accordingly, a revised appeal brief has been submitted to correct the defects.

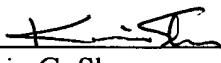
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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